



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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**NOTICE OF PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE**

**TO:** Service List in Docket No. 3545 and Interested Parties

**FROM:** Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk

**RE:** **Review of Request for Proposals to Provide Internet Access Services for Rhode Island Schools and Libraries – Docket No. 3553**

**DATE:** October 1, 2003

Please be advised that Commission Staff will conduct a pre-hearing conference at 9:00 A.M. Tuesday, October 7, 2003 for the purpose of implementing the requirements of R.I.G.L. Sec. 39-1-61(e) as described:

“The department (Dept. of Education) with the approval of the commission (Public Utilities Commission), shall publish request for proposals that do not favor any particular technology, evaluate competitive bids, and select products and service that best serve the internet access needs of schools and libraries”

Commission Staff will set a procedural schedule to have in place an approved Request For Proposal by October 31, 2003. In addition, we will commence discussion for developing an appeal process for losing bidders. Suggestions for effectuating this process are welcomed.

cc Cindy Wilson, Commission Counsel  
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Charlie Brown